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Letter dated 22 November 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Kampala Declaration, RC/Decl.1, adopted by consensus by the high-level representatives of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, gathered in Kampala at the first Review Conference under this Statute on 8 June 2010 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 73.

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Kampala Declaration
RC/Decl.1

Adopted at the 9th plenary meeting, on 8 June 2010, by consensus

We, high-level representatives of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, gathered in Kampala, Uganda, at the first Review Conference under this Statute, held from 31 May to 11 June 2010,

Guided by a renewed spirit of cooperation and solidarity, with a firm commitment to fight impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern and to guarantee lasting respect for the enforcement of international criminal justice,

Recalling the aims and purposes of the Rome Statute and *recognizing* the noble mission and the role of the International Criminal Court in a multilateral system that aims to end impunity, establish the rule of law, promote and encourage respect for human rights and achieve sustainable peace, in accordance with international law and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful that despite progress in realizing the aims and purposes of the Statute and the mission of the Court, countless children, women and men continue to be victims of unimaginable atrocities that deeply shock the conscience of humanity,

Recalling the historic establishment and commencement of functioning of the International Criminal Court as an independent and permanent judicial institution complementary to national criminal jurisdictions,

Welcoming actions undertaken by States Parties to strengthen national criminal jurisdictions in accordance with the Statute,

Appreciating the invaluable assistance of civil society for the advancement of the International Criminal Court,

Convinced that there can be no lasting peace without justice and that peace and justice are thus complementary requirements,

Convinced also that justice and the fight against impunity are, and must remain, indivisible and that in this regard universal adherence to the Statute is essential,

Stressing the importance of full cooperation with the International Criminal Court,

United by the common bonds of our peoples, our cultures pieced together in a shared heritage,

Together solemnly:

1. *Reaffirm* our commitment to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and its full implementation, as well as to its universality and integrity;

2. *Reiterate* our determination to put an end to impunity for perpetrators of the most serious crimes of international concern, with full respect for international

fair trial standards, and thus to *contribute* to the prevention of such crimes that threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world;

3. *Emphasize* that justice is a fundamental building block of sustainable peace;

4. *Determine* to continue and strengthen our efforts to promote victims' rights under the Rome Statute, including their right to participate in judicial proceedings and claim for reparations, and to protect victims and affected communities;

5. *Resolve* to continue and strengthen effective domestic implementation of the Statute, to enhance the capacity of national jurisdictions to prosecute the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of international concern in accordance with internationally recognized fair trial standards, pursuant to the principle of complementarity;

6. *Express* our firm commitment to work actively during the Review Conference towards a satisfactory outcome on the amendment proposals including in resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.6, keeping in mind the mission the International Criminal Court is meant to accomplish in the international community;

7. *Further resolve* to continue and strengthen our efforts to ensure full cooperation with the Court in accordance with the Statute, in particular in the areas of implementing legislation, enforcement of Court decisions, execution of arrest warrants, conclusion of agreements and witness protection, and to *express* our political and diplomatic support for the Court;

8. *Express* our appreciation to the Court which has become fully operational as a judicial institution in accordance with the provisions of the Rome Statute;

9. *Express* our appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the cooperation extended to the International Criminal Court by the United Nations system;

10. *Welcome* the fact that 111 States from all regions of the world have now become Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and *invite* States that are not yet parties to the Statute to become parties as soon as possible, and *reiterate* our commitment to proactively promote universality and full implemeniation of the Statute;

11. *Acknowledge* the pledges made by States Parties and by non-States Parties and other organizations to promote the aims and purposes of the Rome Statute;

12. *Decide* to henceforth celebrate 17 July, the day of the adoption of the Rome Statute in 1998, as the Day of International Criminal Justice.